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## Committee of Management

MISS H. G. GILLESPIE, 2 Elmlsey Place, President.
MRS. MOLESWORTH, 99 St. Joseph Street, Vice-President
MRS. W. A. GEDDES, 12 Macpherson Avenue.
MRS. H. S. STRATHY, 71 Queen's Park.
MISS DESBARRES, 80 Bedford Road.
MISS GREENSHIELDS, 2 Elmsley Place, Sec.-Treasurer.

## Medical Staff

DR. J. MILTON COTTON, - 218 Simcoe Street.
DR. J. T. CLARKE, - 410 Bloor Street West.
DR. E. A. P. HARDY, - 605 Spadina Avenue.
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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1906.

The Annual Report for 1906 of the Old Folks Home, tells the story of an outwardly quiet and uneventful year. The great desire of the Managers has always been that the Home should be not an Institution, but, as it were, a group of little individual homes gathered for greater convenience and greater economy under one roof. We all know the pathetic speech that finds an echo in every woman's heart, "I want a little place I can call my own, no matter how small," and that deep rooted desire is one we especially try to satisfy. Each member of the household has her own comfortable pretty little room, her own meals served to her individually, and yet she is not lonely for she is surrounded by friends; if ill, the Matron and nurse are constantly at hand, and she never has the feeling that she is a lonely unit in a big boarding house, one of the saddest fates that can befall anyone in advancing years.

We need hardly say that the financial side of the work of the Home is one that gives the officers of the Board many anxious thoughts. We all know how much living expenses have increased in Toronto in the last five years, everything has gone up except *fixed* incomes and therefore

each year the difference between what our residents can afford to pay, and the running expenses of our Home is considerable. To help to bridge that gulf we confidently appeal to the readers of this Report.

During the last twelve months the general health of our residents has been wonderfully good considering their advanced age. The Angel of Death has summoned three, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Pembroke, Mrs. Robinson, the last two of the great age of 86 and 90. Their rooms were filled at once, but we have still a long waiting list of those anxious to come to us.

The Monday afternoon service is a time of help and blessing to all who attend and we cannot sufficiently thank those who take or make time to come there to speak their Master's Word from week to week.

For many years the Reverend Mr. Salmon most kindly conducted a service on Thursday evening. He has, we very much regret to say, found it impossible to continue this service any longer, but we would like now to express our most grateful thanks to him for the many occasions on which he spoke words of comfort and encouragement which will never be forgotten by those privileged to hear them.

Our heart-felt thanks are again due and offered to our Medical Staff, who so nobly carry out the tradition of their profession in devoting so much valuable time, skill and thought to those who can only repay them with gratitude and appreciation.

Two special gifts must be mentioned, a very large and valuable one of soap, which otherwise would be a heavy item in our household expenses; and also in the summer a most welcome gift of fruit and preserving sugar. We trust that at the fast approaching Christmastide, some of its good cheer may find its way to our large family.

At present there are thirty members in the Home and of that number only one has come to us outside of Toronto. As in former years we have to thank the Government of Ontario and the City of Toronto for their respective grants. A synopsis of the financial statement extracted from the Government Returns is appended to this Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. GILLESPIE, *Hon. President.*

JULIA GREENSHIELDS, *Hon. Sec.-Treas.*

# Donations to Sept. 30th, 1906

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|---|---|
| A FRIEND | $ 5 00 |
| MRS. H. G. BARRIE | 12 00 |
| MISS J. BAYLY | 5 50 |
| MRS. G. H. BURNHAM | 10 00 |
| MRS. A. H. CAMPBELL, Jr. | 10 00 |
| CANADA PRINTING INK CO. | 5 00 |
| MRS. R. S. CASSELS | 4 00 |
| COPP CLARK CO. | 10 00 |
| MRS. DUNN LEGACY | 50 00 |
| MRS. TIMOTHY EATON | 25 00 |
| MISS J. ELLIOT | 35 00 |
| MR. E. G. FITZGERALD | 11 00 |
| "GEORGICS" | 2 00 |
| THE GOLDSMITH CO. | 10 00 |
| MRS. STEPHEN HEWARD | 5 00 |
| MR. E. HOPKINS | 10 00 |
| MRS. PELEG HOWLAND | 3 00 |
| "LANARK" | 1 00 |
| MRS. JOHN MACDONALD | 24 00 |
| MR. PERCY MANNING | 5 00 |
| MR. A. MARTENS. | 4 00 |
| MR. MUNTZ | 10 00 |
| MRS. PATTON | 3 00 |
| IN MEMORIAM M. C. J. | 80 00 |

Donations from members of the Board, or toward the support of specific inmates are not mentioned.

# SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1st OCTOBER, 1905, TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

**Receipts**

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand, 1st October, 1905 | $ 83 04 |
| Received from Government of Ontario | 755 30 |
| Received from the City of Toronto | 150 00 |
| Received from Inmates themselves | 2170 25 |
| Income from property belonging to Home | 56 50 |
| Subscriptions, Donations and Bequests of private individuals | 1977 80 |
| Received from other sources (Special Grant by Government of Ontario from Richardson Estate) | 251 47 |
| | $5444 36 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Butcher's Meat | $ 514 22 |
| Butter | 159 20 |
| Flour, bread and meal | 221 10 |
| Milk | 235 64 |
| Water | 40 84 |
| Potatoes, vegetables and fruit | 171 40 |
| Groceries | 632 65 |
| Advertising, printing, etc | 11 56 |
| Soap (mostly given) | 14 60 |
| Fuel | 566 90 |
| Furniture, furnishings, etc | 162 43 |
| Gas, etc | 157 52 |
| Medicine and medical comforts | 44 56 |
| Repairs, ordinary | 675 01 |
| Salaries and Wages | 1391 10 |
| Taxes and Insurance | 96 57 |
| Other expenditures not above detailed (Telephone, etc.) | 52 51 |
| Cash balance on hand, 30th Sept. 1906 | 296 55 |
| | $5444 36 |

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MRS. H. S. STRATHY, 71 Queen's Park.
MRS. R. B. HENDERSON, 76 Gloucester Street.
MISS GREENSHIELDS, 2 Elmsley Place, Sec.-Treasurer.

## Medical Staff

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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1907.

The Committee of the Old Folks' Home has much pleasure in submitting the Report for the year 1907.

There is never a great deal to tell in regard to this Institution, mainly because it is a Home with just the ordinary routine of home life, and there is little to record except as, from time to time, one and another crosses the River and enters, we trust, the Home from which there is no going out, and a new member is admitted to the family down here, to rest for a little while after what has been, to most, a hard struggle, with little strength and less means.

Our household consists of thirty members, besides the Staff, and the health of the majority is very good. We have had four deaths during the year, but when we remember that the average age of our members is about eighty years, we think this a small death ratio, and that it testifies to the beneficial results of careful and homelike treatment.

That each room should represent an individual little home to the one who occupies it, is the earnest wish and endeavour of the Committee ; and all meals are carried to and partaken of there : this, while undoubtedly entailing

more work than a public dining-room would, adds very largely to the existing comfort and home feeling.

A service or Bible Reading is held each Monday afternoon, usually by one of the City clergy, and we can only very inadequately thank those who, in the midst of heavy parish duties of their own, yet find time to come and break the Bread of Life to us.

No collecting is done for this institution, but some donations and regular subscriptions are given by kind friends whom we sincerely thank.

It is the earnest desire of the Committee to have a fund upon which it could draw for the support of those who are absolutely without means, but hitherto it has only been possible to meet the current expenses with careful management.

We gratefully thank all those who, from year to year, remember the Old Folks' Home. The unfailing kindness and attention of our Medical Staff at all times is beyond all praise and thanks, and we are very conscious that our debt to them is one which we can never hope to repay.

The Home has sustained a very great loss this year in the withdrawal, on account of removal from Toronto, of two of its Committee, Mrs. W. A. Geddes and Miss DesBarres; their faithful service and loving interest it is almost impossible to replace, and many a loving and grateful thought follows them to Calgary, and across the sea to England, where we pray that God may bless and use them as He did here.

The generous friend who has for many years given us all our soap, has this year felt obliged to discontinue that help, so that this item, which is quite a heavy one, will henceforth be added to our expenses.

We gratefully record that, last summer, when preserving time came round, we were again the recipients, from one kind friend who never forgets us, of strawberries, raspberries, and sugar, a most welcome gift.

At Christmas time our old ladies were not forgotten, and heartily enjoyed their good cheer.

As in former years, we have to thank the Government of Ontario and the City of Toronto for their respective grants.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. Gillespie, *Hon. President.*
Julia Greenshields, *Hon. Sec.-Treas.*

# Donations to Sept. 30th, 1907.

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|---|---|
| MRS. H. G. BARRIE | $12 00 |
| MISS J. BAYLY | 6 00 |
| MRS. BURNHAM | 10 00 |
| MRS. A. H. CAMPBELL, Jr. | 10 00 |
| CANADA PRINTING INK CO. | 5 00 |
| MRS. R. S. CASSELS | 3 00 |
| COPP, CLARK CO. | 10 00 |
| MR. W. H. COWPER, Buffalo | 10 00 |
| MRS. TIMOTHY EATON | 25 00 |
| MISS JEAN ELLIOT | 10 00 |
| MR. E. G. FITZGERALD | 12 00 |
| A FRIEND | 5 00 |
| PRINCE FUSHIMI | 7 60 |
| THE GOLDSMITH CO. | 10 00 |
| MRS. HARRISS, Ottawa | 5 00 |
| MRS. STEPHEN HOWARD | 5 00 |
| MR. E. HOPKINS | 10 00 |
| MISS L. KERR | 1 00 |
| L. B. H. U. | 1 70 |
| MR. PERRY MANNING | 5 00 |
| MR. A. MARTENS | 6 00 |
| MRS. PATTEN | 3 00 |
| MRS. PATTON | 3 00 |
| IN MEMORIAM—E. DesB. | 5 00 |
| IN MEMORIAM—M. C. J. | 80 00 |
| YOUNG LEGACY | 78 00 |

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# SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1906, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

**Receipts.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand 1st October, 1906 | $ 296 55 |
| Received from Government of Ontario | 762 50 |
| Received from inmates themselves | 2,525 65 |
| Income from property belonging to the Home | 54 75 |
| Subscriptions, Donations and Bequests of private individuals | 1,744 88 |
| | $5,384 33 |

**Expenditures.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Butcher meat | $ 494 34 |
| Butter | 200 78 |
| Flour, bread and meal | 199 39 |
| Milk | 278 16 |
| Water supply | 44 70 |
| Potatoes and vegetables | 194 49 |
| Groceries and provisions, not above enumerated | 487 78 |
| Advertising, printing, stationery, postage, etc. | 11 22 |
| Soap (mostly given), brushes, mops, etc | 44 95 |
| Fuel | 532 75 |
| Furniture, furnishings, etc | 372 42 |
| Gas, candles, light | 149 54 |
| Medicine and medical comforts | 34 85 |
| Repairs, ordinary | 438 48 |
| Salaries and wages | 1,395 65 |
| Other expenditures not above detailed (Telephone, etc.) | 56 53 |
| Cash balance on hand | 448 30 |
| | $5,384 33 |